

Remarks

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed February 22, 2007.

Claims 1-23 are subject to election under 35 U.S.C. 121 as being non-generic. As per 35 U.S.C. 121, the applicant elects Species I directed to the access expedient being at least one hole for this application. In accordance with this election, claim 15 has been withdrawn from this application. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to provide a generic claim and remain in this application. Claim 12 has also been noted as confusing and has been amended. Claims 2-5 and 7-8 have been deleted from this application. Claims 6, 9-11, 13-14, and 16-23 remain in this application.

Claims 1-23 are subject to election under 35 U.S.C. 121 as being non-generic. Species I: wherein the access expedient is at least one hole has been elected for this application. Claim 15 is withdrawn from this application as it directed towards Species II: wherein the access expedient is at least one notch.

Claims 12 and 1 have been amended to provide a generic claim. Claim 12 has been amended to specify a uniform shape comprising at least one at least finger-sized pre-selected portion that is excluded. Claim 1 has been amended to be dependent on claim 12 and to specify a pre-selected portion that comprises at least one hole. This clarifies the meaning of claim 12 and provides a generic claim.

Claims 2-5 and 7-8 are canceled from the application. Since claims 2-5 and 7-8 are now dependent on claim 12, they are canceled from this application.

In view of the above reasons, it is submitted that claims 1, 6, 9-14, and 16-23 are a single disclosed species and the applicant respectfully requests an early prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Romaniuk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'C' and a prominent 'R'.

Charles Romaniuk